



Assessment Monthly Update

Maine Department of Education

NWEA Assessment Window

Grades 3-8 and 3rd year high school math & ELA window remains open through June 10th.

NWEA Accessibility – TTS & Read Aloud Updates

Documents in relation to the changes in assignment of [Text-To-Speech and Read Aloud/Human Reader](#) are now posted.

NWEA Session Re-administration

- [NWEA Re-Administration Policy 2021-2022 Update](#)
- [Qualtrics Survey for NWEA Re-administration](#)

NWEA Support & Resources

- [NWEA Partner Support - techsupport@nwea.org 855-430-1777](mailto:techsupport@nwea.org)
- [NWEA Connection or Chat with an Expert](#)

Maine Science

Maine Science assessment windows were extended by two (2) additional weeks. The science assessment window for 3rd year of high school remains open through June 10. The grades 5 and 8 science assessment window closed on May 27.

As a reminder the Maine Science assessment is administered online through a lock-down browser. The assessment cannot be administered remotely.

Maine Science & Supports

- [ZenDesk https://mescience.zendesk.com/hc/en-us](https://mescience.zendesk.com/hc/en-us)
- [Promoted Articles or FAQ](#)
- [Highlight! Use this checklist as a resource to help determine readiness for administering the Maine Science assessment Before Assessment Day Checklist.](#)

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Assessment Office Hours/Lunch & Learn Sessions

As the assessment windows draw to a close, so too do the assessment office hours/lunch and learn sessions. We thank all that were able to join us during the drop-in office hours during the assessment windows in May, and hope you found this time to ask questions helpful.

ACCESS for ELLs / Alternate ACCESS for ELLs

Important Upcoming Dates:

- 7/19/22 – 9/9/22: ELA and Mathematics
- 10/17/22 – 10/28/22: Science (delayed due to required benchmarking and standard setting taking place July 2022, following the first operational administration in Spring 2022)



WIDA AMS Enhancements Coming 2022-23

Review the new Get familiar with 2022-23 WIDA AMS enhancements article to learn about enhancements to WIDA AMS that are set to go live for the 2022-23 school year. The news article covers topics like changes to the WIDA AMS landing page, test practice and sample items with accommodations, customer service tools, and the test monitoring application.

WIDA's Self-Paced eWorkshops are available to all Maine Educators!

Do you work with multilingual learners and have been searching for ways to grow your instructional strategies and ESOL toolkit? Don't worry, you have until August 31, 2022, to access this year's self-paced offerings and print your certificate of completion. Visit the [WIDA eLearning webpage](#) to view eWorkshop descriptions, estimated time to complete each course, and more.

Course offerings include:

- Classroom Teachers: Engaging Multilingual Newcomers
- Developing Language for Learning in Mathematics
- Engaging Multilingual Learners in Science: Making Sense of Phenomena
- Home Languages in the Classroom
- Leading for Equity: Classroom Walkthrough
- School Improvement Planning for Multilingual Learners
- Social Studies: Engaging Multilingual Learners through Inquiry
- The WIDA ELD Standards Framework: A Collaborative Approach

MSAA & MSAA Science

This year, the Assessment Team is pleased to offer assessment-specific reports for Maine's alternate assessments. SAU DACs, Special Education Directors and MSAA Assessment Coordinators from the Spring 2022 administration will receive an email in early July with reminders and instructions for downloading these district, school and student reports.

The resources available for download via the MSAA System include the following:

- Student Individual Score Reports, including scale scores and proficiency level descriptors for ELA, Mathematics and Science.
- School and District Roster Reports, which provide student performance information for each grade level.
- School and District Summary Reports, which provide summarized performance information at the district and school levels for each grade, including number of students enrolled, assessed, did not participate, as well as average scale score and performance level.
- Parent Guides for each grade level which include an overview of the MSAA System and assessments.



Parent Overview of the MSAA System: Grade 8

This overview of the MSAA System explains:

- alternate assessment,
- importance of academic instruction,
- possible instructional supports, and
- ways to work with your child's teachers.

Science Standard Setting

Thank you to those that volunteered to participate and engage in science standard setting for the Maine Science and MSAA Science assessments. Further information regarding next steps will be forthcoming. We look forward to working with you all in July in Augusta and Albuquerque, NM, respectively.

Assessment Survey

As in prior years, the assessment team is seeking your feedback. Please take a few moments to complete this [short survey](#). Information will be used to inform SAU and school support during the 2022-2023 school year.



NEO & SYNERGY Reminders

A general reminder to ensure that contact information for teaching and non-teaching roles is updated within NEO. Instructions to update district roles (including DACs) may be found at: [Updating Staff Contact Information.pdf \(maine.gov\)](#). Please reach out to the MEDMS helpdesk with any questions or concerns.

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2022

Although 2022-2023 is not a major NAEP assessment year, three smaller components of the NAEP assessment will be conducted. There are currently no Maine schools selected for the NAEP Long-Term Trend Age 13 assessment sample.

The NAEP field trial and field test will provide critical information for upcoming transitions to a new assessment delivery system as well as changes to administration methods and devices. The windows for these assessments are as follows:

- Field Trial: February 6–17, 2023
- Field Test: March 20–April 14, 2023

International Assessments 2022-2023

SAUs and schools selected for participation in International Assessments will be notified beginning in June and continuing as the sample for each study is released. The activity scheduled for the upcoming academic year includes:

- Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2022

- Focuses on 15-year-olds' capabilities in reading literacy, mathematics literacy, and science literacy, emphasizing skills that students have acquired.
- For fall 2022, the PISA assessment also includes a financial literacy component.
- Administration window: October 3, 2022 – November 25, 2022
- International Computer and Information Literacy Study (ICILS)
- Collects assessment and contextual data pertaining to computer information literacy and computational thinking from grade 8 students, teachers, and administrators.
- Administration window: March 1, 2023 – May 31, 2023
- Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS)
- Measures trends in student achievement while assessing changes that have occurred in curriculum, instruction, and other aspects of education that may impact student learning of mathematics and science of grade 4 and grade 8 students.
- Administration window: March 1, 2023 – May 31, 2023
- Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS)
- Survey administered to teachers and principals of grade 7, 8, and 9 students.
- The TALIS survey is scheduled for Spring 2023 administration.